



# Grace Lutheran Church

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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

What an unusual and unsettling period of time! Yet it has been a time used powerfully in God's hand to teach us all greater reliance upon Him and to bring the Gospel message into homes that may not have otherwise been reached. God is good!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared work as a congregation. I pray that our online worship and Bible study have been a support to your home. Now, as we have opportunity to meet in our church building once again, we have special cause for gratitude and celebration!

Our in-person worship services will be different than normal. We are not able to include singing at this time but will be limited to listening to some musical selections. Grace's leadership is not planning to resume offering Holy Communion just yet but is considering ways that the Sacrament could be offered while following appropriate safety and distancing protocols. As stated in our online worship, that online presence will continue for the foreseeable future as a service to those whose health leaves them vulnerable and to those uncomfortable with worshipping as a group at this time.

Our congregational protocols have been developed with a great deal of care and consideration by your leadership and staff. We have not only referenced the provincial guidelines, but we have also sought input from health care professionals and from individuals involved in the management of public buildings. While we cannot guarantee safety any more than any store, restaurant or public gathering place, we believe that all possible safety measures are in place.

Please be prepared to abide by the protocols that will be sent to you. Remember, those planning to attend in person must register in advance for the service; and please understand that if we do not have volunteers from those registrants to help with ushering and cleaning, we cannot hold a service that weekend. The deadline for having these positions filled will be 9:00 AM each Friday morning, to ensure time to contact registrants should a service need to be cancelled.

This is certainly not "church as usual" but we must, as Romans 13 reminds us, be obedient to the governing authorities and consider the welfare of our fellow worshippers.

May God bless our shared work for His kingdom and give us wisdom and faith for these days.

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

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